National policy on paper industry

1569. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Small Paper Mills Association has urged Government for a national policy on paper industry and a paper mill fund to help paper mills to take up modernisation and upgradation of technology;

(b) if so, whether the small scale paper industry is on the verge of collapse due to high custom duty;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to save the small paper mills from collapse; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Government keeps a constant watch on the problems faced by all sectors of the paper industry, including the small paper mills. Undertaking measures for the health of the industry is a continuous process.

Swiss Cantonal court decision in Boforscase regarding Bank accounts of A & EServices

1570. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to ctate:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has seen the Press Report regarding favourable decision by the Swiss Cautonal Court in Bofors matter and particularly to supply to the Government of India names of the beneficiaries in the account of A&E Servies; and

(b) at what stages are the other cases in connection with Bofors issue, and whether as per new policy it will be a lower level officer like Sub-Inspector to enquire into this matter and whether such police officer will be competent enought to deal International high level corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH); (a) Yes, Sir. The documents relating to one of the six accounts frozen by the Swiss authorities on the request of the C. B. I, have been received by the latter.

(e) All matters relating to the Bofors case are being investigated by the CBI. The investigations are being conducted at appropriate levels.

Audio Cassettes on Communal propaganda

1571. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATEL;

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that audio cassettes on communal propaganda are freely available in the city markets in the country; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the contents of these cassettes and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The Government is aware of the circulation of such cassettes. "Public Order' has been assigned to the States and the State Government/ UT Admns. are vested with adequate powers to effectively curb the menace of communal propaganda including circulation of provocative cassettes. The Central Government has issued instructions for strictly enforcing the provisions of law in this regard.